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Soviet spy put bugs in skin, Indonesia told

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Singapore—The manager of the Soviet airline Aeroflot in Jakarta, Alexander Finenko, who has been expelled from the Indonesian capital for being a key operative in a spy ring, had electronic spying devices inserted from time to time under the skin of his chest, published reports here Sunday said.

A newspaper which is the mouthpiece of the government said that Mr. Finenko, who was arrested a week ago as Soviet officials tried to smuggle him out of the country on a commercial airliner, initially had claimed he was asthmatic after investigators became interested in a wound in his chest.

However, a medical check indicated he was in good health. Mr. Finenko then went on a hunger strike, apparently in an effort to make himself sick, but this failed. Government officials decided to deport him and closed the Aeroflot office.

Indonesian officials have revealed that over the last 14 years, 54 Soviet diplomats have been expelled for spying activities. Previous expulsions have not been announced, it was claimed, for the sake of maintaining good relations with the Soviet Union.